Exploitation of labourers in Private Organised Sector

†1738. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of labourers employed in private organised sector;

(b) whether there is any provision for Wage Board on industrial level for pay scales and other services condition of the labourers in that sector on the lines of Pay Commission of Government employees;

(c) if not, whether Government are aware that Jute, Textiles, Sugar, Steel, Aluminium and other private engineering industries are grossly violating the labour laws and employees are openly exploiting the labourers; and

(d) if so, the action proposed in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) Number of persons employed in private organised sector relating to non-agricultural establishments employing 10 or more persons as on 31.03.2004 was estimated at 8.25 million.

(b) Under Section 9 and 13 (c) of the Working Journalists and other Newspaper Employees (Conditions of Service & Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1955, there is provision for constituting Wage Boards for Working Journalists and Non-Journalists Newspaper employees for fixing or revising the rates of wages.

(c) and (d) Implementation of labour laws in the Central and State Spheres, including the Industries mentioned, is secured by the implementation machineries of the appropriate Governments in terms of the relevant provisions of the respective Acts.

Educated unemployed in the country

†1739. MISS ANUSUIYA UIKEY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of educated unemployed in the country;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) the schemes for self employment being implemented for the educated unemployed and since when being implemented;

(c) whether any survey has been conducted by Government in respect of achievements of these schemes; if so, the results thereof; and

(d) whether any proposal is under consideration for improvement in these schemes or any new scheme is being proposed by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) Estimates of employment and unemployment are obtained through quinquennial labour force surveys conducted by National Sample Survey Organisation. Last such survey, for which results are available, was conducted during 2004-05. As per this survey, number of educated unemployed (Secondary and above) for persons of age 15 years and above was estimated to be of the order of 6.57 million on usual status basis during 2004-05.

(b) Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana (PMRY) was launched on 2nd October 1993 to assist educated unemployed youth to set up self-employment ventures. Estimated employment generation/additional employment opportunities created under this scheme is around 39.71 lakhs up to December, 2006 since its inception. Besides, Swarnjayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana (SGSY) launched on 1st April 1999, the Urban Self-Employment Programme (USEP) under Swarna Jyanti Shahri Rojgar Yojana (SJSRY) operating since December 1997 and Rural Employment Generation Programme operating with effect from 1st April, 1995, also aim at providing employment to both educated and uneducated persons.

(c) and (d) Review and evaluation of Scheme is carried out from time to time and corrective measures are taken accordingly.

Amending immigration rules for semi-skilled workers

1740. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are now focusing attention on the semi-skilled and unskilled immigrants;